

# Strange Phenomena

## INVESTIGATIONS

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"We must seek to answer  
that which at present  
eludes us."

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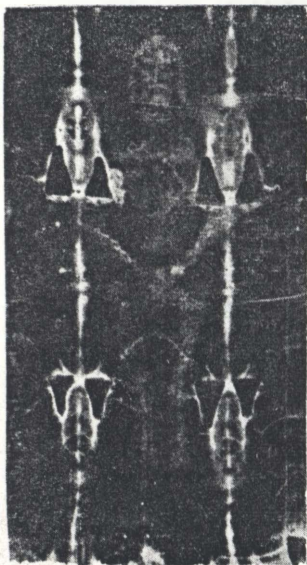
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## EXCLUSIVE

### TURIN SHROUD A FAKE

#### WHAT NEXT ?

Jings, crivens, help ma boab, the Turin Shroud's a fake. Yup, this ancient linen cloth which was thought to have the image of Christ on it, has now been officially classified as a clever forgery. As mentioned in our August (NL), three scientific institutes were each given small pieces of the cloth for scientific study by means of the Carbon I4 method. After tests, it was clearly established that the cloth most certainly does not come from the period in



which Christ walked this Earth, but comes in fact from the Middle Ages. It is well known that during the Middle Ages many forgeries pertaining to Christ, were made. Indeed, its been stated that enough, 'genuine' ? pieces of wood from Christ's Cross, collectively, would build a Spanish Armada. But this fact has not weakened the faith of the many Roman Catholics world wide, and Im quite sure that this will be the case in regards to

the now conclusive 'revelations' regarding the expose of the Turin Shroud. For the record, scientists estimate that the Carbon I4 process made on the Shroud, gives it a date from 1260 to 1390. What is still puzzeling however, is, 'how was it done' ? Again we have many possibilities, but none have as yet been substantiated with any clarity to say for sure. And that's it Im afraid. There are no 'if's or but's', its



a fake. We now know that the Earth is not flat, (although some say that it still is) ? We now know that many UFO photographs are fakes, owing to new modern technology. Can we ever conclusively prove that visions of the Virgin Mary really occurred at Lourdes, or Garabandal in Spain, and for that matter, in many other Countries, (including Wales). As the heading states, 'What Next' ? Science is forever growing, and the many hoaxers out there in 'Give me fame land' ? will have to be extremely clever in fooling the progress of scientific study. The Cottingly Fairies photographs (Yorkshire) had to wait for many years before being showed for what they were, (Fakes). Computer enhancement clearly showed this. Poor old Arthur Conan Doyle (who belived them to be genuine), will be turning in his grave, or should I say, 'astral realms'. So as I say, 'What Next' ? There is no disputing to my mind that there are still unexplainable events occurring throughout the World, if I didnt think this, I wouldnt be involved in the research side of things. Whilst we now have science to disprove paranormal and psychic events or artifacts, we can also look to science to perhaps prove psychic events. And if that day comes when we can conclusively prove, that "There are such things", then I and others will not have plodded through the paranormal field in vain.

Lindy White hurst our American UFO consultant had this to say to me recently in regards to the expose of the Shroud. "Despite the image being a 'negative' a seemingly unknown quality to a forger in the Middle Ages, despite the many



anatomically correct images, despite the image seemingly impossibly only on the top-most fibers; the 3-D image, pollen embedded in the fibers from Palestine, and many other positive factors; it is a fake. Maybe this will serve to make UFOlogists pause before making unsubstantiated claims regarding UFOs. Sure we find far more impressive credentials in UFO reports. Still its a feeling of letdown to see such a strongly supported phenomenon go down". (Lindy Whitehurst)

## ARCHIE ROY LECTURE

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A good audience attended SPI's last in the present series of lectures for 1988, in which one of the U.Ks most authoritative researchers into the paranormal, Professor Archie Roy of Glasgow University, lectured on, "The Challenge Of The Paranormal". Archie began his lecture by informing the audience, on how, as a young student in Glasgow, he entered the University library one day and came across a selection of books entitled, 'The Proceedings And Journals Of The Society For Psychical Research. He was surprised to find, 'as he informed the audience', "such rubbish" in the library. But as he flicked through the journals, he was surprised to learn that he knew most of the authors of these books, and they were eminent people, chemists, psychologists etc. And the thought came to him, 'there must be something to this'. After reading a good number of books, Archie informed us, 'he was hooked', and has been ever since. And so it is that Archie has devoted a good part of his life in seeking out explanations (hopefully), to these mysteries. Its no secret that Archie has been involved with hundreds of cases, from the casual ghost ? to the mischievous Poltergeist. No doubt Archie will not rest until the public accept that, 'there are such things'. Professor Roy's lecture was very informative, and SPI would extend its thanks again to Archie for coming along to Stirling and sharing his experiences with us. SPI Publications sold fairly well on the night, and we made some new members. A reporter from the Stirling Observer covered this lecture on audio tape, and the feedback from the audience at question time was productive. SPI will shortly be looking at arranging its 1989 lecture programme, details when available. Thanks to all SPI personnel for making these lectures succesful.

## EXPEDITION TO LOCH MORAR.

BY RON HALLIDAY.

It is a rare person who has not heard of the Loch Ness Monster. Its said that they even run classes on "Nessie" in Siberian labour camps ? Seriously though. While the Loch Ness Investigations have captured world headlines, there have been equally intriguing sightings of an unidentified large animal in Loch Morar, (Near Mallaig Ed). On the 16th of August 1969, Duncan Macdonell who was on the Loch with his boat, was bumped by an unidentified submerged creature. Duncan was so frightened by this 'attack' that he fired at the animal with his rifle.



'Morag's Cousin, 'Nessie'. ?

During the Loch Morar survey of 1970, (organised by various researchers and biologists from London University), Alan Butterworth reported that he saw a "regular shaped hump 15 feet long and 3 to 4 feet high", moving across the loch. The survey collected a total of 33 reports covering the period 1887 to 1971. For some time Malcolm and I have discussed the possibility of an expedition to Loch Morar. The aim would be to mount a survey over several visits, but an initial 'foray' is planned for next year. The intention of this first visit, would be to establish basic positions from which to survey, to familiarise ourselves with the enviroment, and iron out, (discover), initial logistical problems. This is not intended as a 'one off' spectacular, but a serious long term investigation. Apart from the standard observation techniques I also have another method planned which may bring a response from whatever is in the loch. This will have to be confidential for the moment until I am sure that the cooperation I am hoping for will be given. All will be revealed eventually. If you are interested in being involved in this venture, please write to: Ron Halliday, 35 Fountain Road, Bridge Of Allan Stirling, FK9 4AU.

## SCIENCE AND LIFE AFTER DEATH.

As readers of this Newsletter should know, I firmly believe, due to my involvement and research, in a 'Life After Death', and it was with great excitement that I read material which was sent to me recently by psychical researcher, Michael Roll of Bristol. Believe me, this is sure interesting stuff. And I can tell you, that through this (NL) you will read these 'revelations', for the moment however, here is a small taste of 'things to come'. "Pythagoras said the World was round. This was not actually proved mathematically until three hundred years later by Eratosthenes in the so called 3rd Century BC. We had to wait until 1521 for Magellan to circumnavigate the World and therefore prove physically what had already been proved mathematically. Our ancestors, who had no knowledge of subatomic physics, were continually seeing people in their old physical bodies after they had "died", and like Pythagoras they came to the logical conclusion, that we somehow survive the death of our physical bodies, but they could not prove it. The roles of Magellan and Eratosthenes have been reversed in the science of proving that we all survive the death of our physical bodies. Sir William Crookes, the President of the Royal Society, proved this physically in 1874, before Professor B.D. Josephson proved it mathematically in 1988. The big problem for the Establishment is how can they now admit that the vilified Spiritualists are correct in their conclusions.

Thanks to recent revolutionary discoveries in nuclear physics, we now have a rational scientific explanation for so called 'psychic phenomena'. Our physical Universe and everything in it, is simply operating on a certain wavelength. Psychic phenomena is in fact, subatomic phenomena, in other words, interference from other wavelengths." (MUCH MORE TO FOLLOW).

### **A PSYCHIC BOOK MAKES AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT**



'Dimensions' by Jacques Valles, £14.50p (inc P&P) Available from Souvenir Press LTD  
43 Great Russell St London WC1B 3PA.  
Parapsychology and the UFO by Manfred Cassirer. £3.75p (inc p&p) available from  
38 Christchurch Avenue London NW6 7BE.



## SPI's EDITOR'S NEW POSITION.

Its just been confirmed that I have been given the position of field Investigator trainee for the World's largest UFO group, MUFON, (The Mutual UFO Network) based in Seguin Texas. It will be a pleasure for me to inform this American group on all the latest UFO sightings in this country, for cooperation



WALT ANDRUS, Head  
of MUFON. Photo  
M. Robinson SPI.

between UFOlogists World wide can only help in the eventual solution to the UFO problem. MUFON was founded on May 31st 1969, and has on its board of consultants, people who have PhD's or MD's representing 45 areas of science Technology, medicine theology and others. MUFON's English Representative and researcher, is our good friend, Philip

Mantle from Batley in Yorkshire. Needless to say, that through the medium of this (NL), SPI will keep you informed on the big UFO stories in the USA. Not only from MUFON, but from our SPI consultant in the USA, Lindy Whitehurst. Further info on MUFON, may be obtained by writing to the following address.

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Seguin, Texas 78155-4099**

## NO SIGN OF HIM YETI ?

BBC Television screened a programme in the natural world series recently on 'The Search For The Yeti', in which Britain's famous mountain climber, Chris Bonnington, along with other individuals, formed a group to visit a certain region of the himalayas, in search of the elusive 'Yeti'. This was a 3 month expedition in which they were only the



4th group of Westerners in history, to make this particular journey. 97 yaks carrying roughly 50 kilos of equipment and provisions, made this perilous journey. Footprints were found which did not resemble the usual wild life prints to be found in the region, but it was still unclear if they were made by a 'Yeti'. An amusing fact on how to evade a 'Yeti', if you find yourself being chased by one, was given by a Nepalese chap who informed us, "If its a male 'Yeti', its best to run uphill, whereby you would have a better chance to outrun it, due to the male 'Yeti' having to stop continually, and look up owing to its high forehead. Now if its a female 'Yeti', that's chasing you, its best to run down hill. This is due to the female 'Yeti' having large breasts, of which she apparently slings over her shoulders whilst chasing you. But unfortunately for her, they keep falling down, whereby she has to stop to throw them back over her shoulder, by this time your miles away". (Well now you know readers). What I found interesting from this programme was quite an amazing fact, and that was, Sir Edmund Hillary stated to camera that in his opinion, Eric Shipton 'Touched Up' the trail of alledged 'Yeti' footprints found in the Menlung Valley to make it look a little more spectacular than it was", (now that's some opinion Ed). Messers Bonnington and colleagues, like others before them, did not have the good fortune to photograph a 'Yeti' (or be chased by one) ? Im afraid that the 'Yeti' still remains elusive, and Im sure that he will remain so for quite some time. For its like looking for the proverbial, 'Needle In The Haystack'. In an enormous region such as the Himalayas, it isnt any wonder that for the moment, and in its own enviroment, its very hard to find.

#### JANET MIDDLETON'S REQUEST. ?

Are there any (NL) readers who would be prepared to assist SPI in some research work This is to enable an individual who has experienced many psychic 'happenings' and 'UFO Sightings', to find out the 'real Truth' behind strange earlier events surrounding her early life. It appears that things are not what they seem. If you can assist SPI in this line of work, then further details can be obtained by writing to the Editor. I would appreciate some feedback on this, for it is a very important issue.

#### **STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS**

## News Desk

TOM BARLOW. The Scottish Daily Record printed a two page special recently concerning 'Reincarnation', and it featured the hypnotic regression work of a leading authority on this, Tom Barlow,



**TOM BARLOW....**

of Irvine in Ayrshire. I spoke with Tom over the phone, and was impressed by the sincerity of his 'explanations' regarding Reincarnation. And with good fortune, Tom will shortly be writing for this Newsletter on this very subject. Tom

also specialises in 'Alternative Medicine' and we can again look forward to an article on this. MAIL PROBLEM. Im afraid that I am still having problems with my mail, (some of it is not reaching me) This has been discovered by the senders asking by phone, why havent I wrote back ? So please, if you are due a reply on an important matter, and I havent been in touch, phone me. Steps are being taken to find out what's going on. Its not a case of 'Lost In Space', more of a case of 'Lost In The Post'. NEW CHARGES FOR THE NEWSLETTER. The SPI Newsletter will be one year old next month, and I shall be presenting a slightly longer issue with a new front cover. Rising costs in photo-copying and recent stamp increase, mean that we have to unfortunately increase subscription charges. However, these will only come into effect when its time for our regular subscribers to re-subscribe. They do not have to pay this new subscription rate until, as Ive said, their previous year's subscription has run out. New charges come into effect in January 1989. AMAZING CURE. Scots girl, Denise McDermott from Westburn Cambuslang who was riddled with the crippling 'Hodgkin's Disease, has made a Miraculous recovery. Three different doctors had told Denise that she was going to die. So knowing that she had nothing to lose, she made a pilgrimage to Lourdes in France, scene of many amazing past cures. On her return to Scotland, doctors informed her that her disease had completely VANISHED. Denise is reported to have said, "Who says there's nothing in the power of prayer ? (source Daily Record).